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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

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1. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE APPROACH TO FRENCH ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN PARA 5 REFTTEL, ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAVE MADE CLEAR THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE FORMALLY IN NATO BURDENSARING EFFORT. THEY HAVE SHOWN WILLINGNESS, HOWEVER, TO EXAMINE WAYS OF PACKAGING "BURDENSARING" ACTIONS IN OTHER WRAPPING (SEE PARIS 4044 FOR HINT OF GOF FLEXIBILITY ON CEPS BUDGET, ETC.). IF WAY CAN BE FOUND TO CAST IN TERMS OTHER THAN "BURDENSARING" REQUEST TO FRENCH FOR INFO ON ITS FY74 PROCUREMENT OF US EQUIPMENT, WE MAY FIND GOF MORE COOPERATIVE THAN LAULAN REPORTS THEY HAVE BEEN.

2. SHOULD DEPARTMENT DECIDE TO INSTRUCT SUCH AN APPROACH TO FRENCH, WE RECOMMEND THAT AMEMBASSY PARIS AND USNATO MAKE SIMULTANEOUS INTERVENTIONS WITH GOF AND DE ROSE.

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3. IN RELATED MATTER, WE DELIVERED COPY OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON JACKSON NUNN (STATE 33338) TO SCHRICKE (QUAI CHIEF OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS), WITH SUGGESTION THAT FRANCE COULD PLAY HELPFUL ROLE IN MEETING OUR CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEM. SCHRICKE NOTED THAT POSSIBLE MOVEMENT ON NATO COST SHARING FORMULAE WAS MAKING SOME PROGRESS WITHIN GOF, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT PREDICT NATURE OR TIMING OF FINAL OUTCOME.
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